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In Re Application of:

Michael D. Hooven

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 9, 2005
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and RCE fee together with a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time.

In response to the Final Office Action of August 9, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows: